

# MICHIGAN TRUCK SAFETY COMMISSION **MTSC**

**November 1, 2017**  
**Meeting Minutes**

## **Commissioners Present**

Dr. Dan Blower, Chair  
Tim Yungfer, Vice Chair  
Fred Bueter  
Sharon Conklin  
Jill Skutar  
Capt. Mike Krumm  
Michael Prince  
Charles Moser  
Amanda Williams

## **Commissioners Absent**

Dave Goller

## **Guests**

Lawrence Archer  
Cheryl Llano  
MC Lt. Susan Fries  
John Wallace  
Don Willcutt  
Michelle Zemla  
Janet Bawol Hengesbach  
James Fackler  
Joel Gordon  
James Flegel

## **OHSP Staff**

Kara Rueckert  
Spencer Simmons

## **ROLL CALL**

The Michigan Truck Safety Commission meeting was called to order by Dr. Dan Blower, Chair, at 9:02 a.m.

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Self-introductions were made by those present.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Bueter had minor changes to his portion of the minutes. A motion to accept the September 20, 2017 minutes was made by Ms. Sharon Conklin and supported by Mr. Fred Bueter. The motion carries.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Presentation in recognition of six years of service was presented to Ms. Janet Hengesbach-Bawol, whose time on the commission has come to an end.

## **STANDING REPORTS**

### A. Chair's Report – Dr. Dan Blower

Dr. Blower will discuss the Skid Pad and TACT projects later during the meeting.

### B. Commissioners Perspectives

Sharon Conklin – Representing Private Motor Carriers. Ms. Conklin discussed the November MTA meeting, which has a start time of 5 p.m., with the speakers typically done around 6 p.m. and a buffet dinner to follow. They are looking to build membership and get it back to where it used to be and have been working to see if companies that aren't MTA members can attend monthly meetings to see speakers to help keep them current with technology and laws. The east side also has meetings and Ms. Conklin can get anyone interested in contact with those running the meetings.

Mike Prince – Office of Highway Safety Planning. Mr. Prince briefly discussed the fatality and crash data just released and the frequency in which this data changes. Fatalities are at 859 and just under 5000 seriously injured statewide, down 4 fatalities, but up 673 serious injuries compared to this time last year.

The seatbelt use survey remained stable at 94%, but we are hoping to get back up to 98%

OHSP is down almost 30% in staffing; currently working to backfill three vacant positions.

A traffic enforcement campaign is planned for November 22 – December 10 and will focus on impaired driving. There will be a media event in Grand Rapids, along with a \$275k media campaign targeting young males age 21-34 and will be aired in Detroit, Grand Rapids, Saginaw, and Bay City, as well as during Red Wings, Pistons, and Lions games.

The Michigan Traffic Safety Summit will take place March 20-22; there will be some CMV topics on the agenda and commissioners' registration fees will be comped.

Capt. Mike Krumm – Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division, Michigan State Police. Capt. Krumm met with Indiana, Ohio, and Illinois for joint enforcement efforts in November and December.

Human trafficking awareness week is January 22-26.

Fred Bueter – Michigan Department of State.

Mr. Bueter discussed how their staffing is down 30% over the last dozen years, strongly in part of online capabilities now available and budget reductions.

There has been a procedure change to reduce errors at the branch level—the increased phone calls has had the desired effect of making sure people are filling out information correctly.

The legislature changed the law for government employees to exempt them from most CDL regulations about a year ago; it is now back to the way it was and government employees must abide by CDL regulations.

Jill Skutar – Michigan Trucking Association. Ms. Skutar gave an update on MTA. She also discussed the safety awards banquet that will take place the evening of March 20 to honor different awards for the year.

C. Financial Report - Mr. Spencer Simmons - Office of Highway Safety Planning

Mr. Simmons (OHSP) reviewed the most recent financial report through September 30, 2017 (preliminary because final reports are due October 30), including liquidation amounts for grants; the remaining balance is an encumbrance and is scheduled for completion in 2018.

D. Enforcement Grant Activity Report – MC Lt. Susan Fries – Michigan State Police

MC Lt. Fries updated the Commissioners on CVED's activity and the Summer of Semi-Safety final numbers. The crash numbers in comparison to last year showed the CMV related fatal crashes are down to 4 vs. 10. The projected was supplemented with overtime hours; these activity hours are not reflected because they were from a different funding source; feedback from trucking industry regarding issues with focusing only on CMV side, but that is all CVED has the right to do.

The new recruit school will graduate 8 students.

Michigan is the top state in the mid-west region for out of service vehicles; officers are using their training and tools to get the vehicles that need to be out of service off the road (42%), which includes the vehicle, driver, and in cases, the company.

E. Education Grant Activity Report – Ms. Michelle Zemla – Michigan Center for Truck Safety

Ms. Zemla explained each reported goal for the fourth quarter:

- Simulator training met 136% of goal
  - New entrant management training met 111% of goal
  - Fatigue program is up and running as of October; no FY17 data
  - Social media and outreach: 76% of goal for Facebook, 25% of goal for Twitter
  - Phone call assistance met 134% of goal
  - Driver performance measurement met 42% of goal
  - National safety council defensive driving for professional truck drivers met 153% of goal
  - Seminars met 110% of goal
  - Truck driver guidebook: 23,174 copies distributed
- \*John Crippin is currently doing the truck simulator and trainings

**PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS**

F/Lt. Jim Flegel gave a PowerPoint presentation on Michigan's oral fluid roadside analysis drug testing law. Five Michigan counties have been selected to take part in the program. For questions or more details, please contact Spl/F/Lt. Jim Flegel with the Michigan State Police.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Skid Pad Project – Mr. Joel Gordon – DTMB

A schedule has been established for the project:

- RFP went out 11/1/17
- A pre-proposal meeting is scheduled for 11/8/17 and will include engineers and architects
- Proposals are due 11/16/17 (if necessary, time will be extended by two weeks)
- Contract approval date: 12/8/17
- Pre-design meeting 12/15/17
- First preliminary estimate to be received the week of 1/8/18, in anticipation of having in before January 10 MTSC meeting
- Earliest possible issue for bid date provided funding is available would be the second week of March 2018

There are several different phases of the project:

- Phase 100: gathering of data; surveys, establishing site
- Phase 200: analyzing data, topography/composition/capacity of soil/wetlands/etc. (site location is off Crowner Drive)
- Phase 300: ask consultants to develop conceptual design options; Preliminary estimates come in; options discussed by commission-selection or combination of estimates
- Phase 400: detailed drawings, further refined estimates
- Phase 500: development of contracts for bidding
- Phase 600: construction administration
- Phase 700: construction administration field

The ideal time for bidding would be to have documents issued in late February or early March; the money must be available/on-hand before opening for bidding and mid-late summer must be avoided.

Dr. Blower may have a rough estimate (+/- 25%) by early January, then commission will need to raise the additional funds and identify who will pay for the project.

Nature of soils must be looked at intensely--ideal soils saves a considerable amount of money because it saves from bringing in new mixes/soils; once the amount of that that has to be done is established, unit prices/history can be used to get a relative estimate on what the project will cost; will still be working on developing plans for education building.

**B. TACT Project Update - Dr. Blower**

Meeting took place to discuss upcoming TACT project and the committee will meet again this afternoon to establish dates; they are looking at spring/early summer and UMTRI has done some analyses to select different roadways to use. A road/roads, times, an idea of what agencies may participate, and costs need to be established, then they will go to FMCSA to establish funding (FMCSA covered 80% for all expenses for previous project; we had to cover 20% with truck safety funds). Hopes are to have a firm outline for the January meeting to propose to the committee

**ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Approval of the 2017 Annual Report**

Issues/questions presented/discussed:

- Spencer will reduce UCR fees to what is normally seen-\$750k
- For graphs-Dr. Blower suggests changing wording to include showing the trend
- Page 6, Social Media excerpt must be updated--goal not achieved, but percentage incorrect
- Page 8, SKID control, not SKI control
- Suggestion to add an additional chart to separate fatalities and serious injuries rates

A motion to approve with corrections was made by Mr. Prince and supported by Mr. Moser.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the MTSC is scheduled for Wednesday, January 10, 2018, at the Center for Truck Safety.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.